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HERE IS THE TEXT OF BRIEFING GIVEN BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN  
HODDING CARTER, III AT 1400 HOURS.

QUOTE

GOOD AFTERNOON. AT THIS MORNING'S SESSION WHICH LASTED A LITTLE  
OVER ONE HOUR, THE SOVIET SIDE MADE A PRESENTATION. ALL THE  
TALKING WAS CARRIED ON BY THE SOVIET SIDE, BY MR. GROMYKO. WE  
AGREED TO STUDY AND RESPOND TO THE PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON.  
THE AFTERNOON MEETING WILL BE, AND I CANNOT BE EXACT AT THIS POINT,  
EITHER AT 4:30 OR 5:00 AND I WOULD BE LEANING AT THIS POINT TOWARD  
TELLING YOU 5:00. THE DECISION TO PROCEED THIS WAY WAS BY COMMON  
AGREEMENT. I CANNOT SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF  
ANOTHER MEETING TOMORROW MORNING. I WOULD, HOWEVER, NOT RULE OUT A  
COMMUNIQUE IN ANY CASE BEING ISSUED TOMORROW. I AM DOUBTFUL  
THAT THERE WILL BE A PRESS CONFERENCE TONIGHT BY THE SECRETARY. I  
EXPECT THAT HOWEVER LONG THE MEETING GOES ON THERE WILL BE WORK ON  
A POSSIBLE COMMUNIQUE AFTER IT. THERE WILL, HOWEVER, BE A  
CONFERENCE BY THE SECRETARY HERE AT SOME POINT SATURDAY BEFORE  
WE DEPART. WHILE I AM NOT OVERBURDENED WITH CHARACTERIZATIONS  
FOR YOU OF THE MEETING, I CAN SAY GENERALLY THAT WE ARE CONTINUING  
TO WORK INTENSIVELY AND THAT THE MEETINGS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN WORTH-

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WHILE. I DO NOT HAVE AN ADEQUATE DEPARTURE TIME FOR  
THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE TRAVELING WITH THE SECRETARY. I CAN TELL  
YOU THAT BECAUSE OF AN AIR SHOW AT ANDREWS WE SHAN'T BE LEAVING  
BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK BECAUSE WE CAN'T GO INTO ANDREWS ANY EARLIER  
THAN THE TIME THAT IT WOULD TAKE FROM ONE O'CLOCK ON. QUESTIONS?

Q. HODDING, YOU SAID PRESENTATION. DO YOU MEAN THAT THE SOVIETS

HAVE MADE A PROPOSAL?

A. I THINK I'LL SAY THEY MADE A PRESENTATION.

Q. OF WHAT?

A. PRESENTATION OF THEIR PARTICULAR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING, WHICH IS SALT.

Q. BUT IS IT A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL?

A. I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE, IT WOULD BE, I DON'T THINK THAT I COULD CHARACTERIZE IT AS A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL. I WOULD HAVE TO JUST TELL YOU THAT THEY'VE PRESENTED A NUMBER OF IDEAS.

Q. (INAUDIBLE) WOULD ASK YOU IF YOU COULD CALL IT A COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION?

A. I THINK, I THINK THAT THE AIM OF THIS WHOLE CONFERENCE TI TO DEAL WITH A COMPREHENSIVE SALT PROPOSAL, BUT THAT AGAIN I WOULDN'T CHARACTERIZE WHAT WAS PRESENTED THIS MORNING AS A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL.

Q. DOES THE SOVIET PRESENTATION REPRSENT PROGRESS?

A. I THINK THE WORD I'LL STICK WITH IS THAT THE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE.

Q. WAS IT CALLED APRESENTATION OR WERE THE QUESTIONS (INAUDIBLE).  
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A. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ALL THE SPEAKING WAS DONE BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

Q. WAS IT KNOWN YESTERDAY BY BOTH SIDES THAT TODAY, THIS MORNING, THERE WOULD BE A PRESENTATION BY THE SOVIETS?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT. I'M NOT SURE THAT IT WAS TOTALLY UNDERSTOOD. I THINK, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS AGREED THAT THAT WOULD BE THE WAY, AND IT WOULD BE -- THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION AND THAT WE WOULD STUDY IT AND THAT WE WOULD COME BACK TOGETHER THIS AFTERNOON.

Q. HODDING ...

A. WAIT A MINUTE, I HAVE A QEUESTION OVER HERE.

Q. IS IT SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE SECRETARY IS IN TOUCH WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE RESPONDING TO THE SOVIET PRESENTATION?

A. IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME THAT HE WILL HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE HE RESPONDS.

Q. IS THE SOVIET PRESENTATION IN RESPONSE TO AN AMERICAN PRESENTATION OF YESTERDAY?

A. THE SOVIET PRESENTATION IS THE RESULT OF THE PAUSE AFTER THE TWO DAY'S WORTH OF DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD AND I THINK YOU CAN DRAW INTERENCES FROM THAT, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO ANY FURTHER.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY MORE POSITIVE TODAY OR MORE SPECIFIC THAN THAT?

A. EXCUSE ME.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY WORTHWHILE?

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A. NO, I REALLY CAN'T

Q. HOLDING, WHEN YOU USE THAT TERM WORTHWHILE, ARE YOU REFERRING TO ALL OF THE TALKS, TALKS UP TO YESTERDAY, OR THE TALKS SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING TODAY'S SOVIET PRESENTATION?

A. I'M REFERRING TO ALL OF THE TALKS THAT WE'VE HAD, INCLUDING TODAY.

Q. WOULD YOU HAVE USED THAT YESTERDAY?

A. WELL, EVERYDAY I TRY TO FIND A NEW WORD FOR YOU. (LAUGHTER)

BUSINESSLIKE, INTENSIVE AND WORTHWHILE I THINK ARE THE THREE SO FAR.

Q. EXCEPT THE WORD CONSTRUCTIVE.

A. I WILL SAVE THAT FOR THE NEXT DAY I SUPPOSE.

Q. ARE U.S. - SOVIET MEETINGS AT THIS LEVEL ALWAYS WORTHWHILE?

A. I HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND AS LONG AS YOU HAVE AND SOME OF THEM...

Q. YOU WERE IN MOSCOW, FOR INSTANCE -- WERE ALL THOSE MEETINGS WORTHWHILE, EVEN THE LAST ONE?

A. I THINK THAT OBVIOUSLY THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, I THINK WAS THE WORD, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT ONE.

Q. I THINK THAT THE SECRETARY ALSO SAID THEY WERE WORTHWHILE.

A. I THINK THAT THE SECRETARY'S EMPHASIS, HOWEVER, JIM, WAS ON

DISAPPOINTMENT. I THINK THAT THAT WAS IN HIS FIRST GRAF OF HIS  
FINAL NEWS CONFERENCE.

Q. IS THERE ANY LINK BETWEEN THE TWO SALT SESSIONS TODAY AND  
A LIKELY SESSION TOMORROW AND THE PRESENT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE  
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SOVIET AND AMERICAN (INAUDIBLE)?

Q. QUESTION.

A. THE QUESTION IS, IS THERE ANY LINK BETWEEN THE SALT MEETING --  
I'M SORRY, I REALLY DIDN'T CATCH THAT MONSIEUR.

Q. ARE THE SALT MEETINGS (INAUDIBLE) TAKE PLACE THIS MORNING?  
THIS AFTERNOON AND LIKELY TOMORROW?

A. YES.

Q. SO THIS WAS UNKNOWN TO (INAUDIBLE). IS THERE ANY LINK BETWEEN  
THIS RESUMPTION OF PAST SALT MEETINGS, PAST (INAUDIBLE) SUB-SALT  
MEETINGS AND THE PRESENT MEETINGS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

A. YOU MEAN THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THIS? WELL,  
THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE CLEARLY RELATED TO SALT IN THE  
SAME WAY THAT, WHAT, SOME STRUCTURAL MEMBERS ARE TO AN ENTIRE

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BUILDING, BUT, I THINK THAT THE DISCUSSION AT THIS LEVEL  
AND WHAT COMES OUT OF IT IS IN THE LARGEST SENSE POSSIBLE,  
NOT LINKED, BUT WHAT THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES ARE DOING  
WILL HAVE TO BE PART OF SOME FINAL PROCESS.

Q. BUT THEY USUALLY DON'T GO THAT FAST. THREE AND TWO DAYS  
ARE ...

A. WELL, WE, AS I THINK I EXPLAINED TO YOU, (THE QUESTION IS  
FAST-MOVING SALT TALKS HERE) I THINK I EXPLAINED TO YOU  
THAT FOR VARIOUS REASONS TOMORROW HAD TO BE THE END OF THE  
PROCESS OF THIS ROUND AND THEREFORE WE RE TALKING.  
YES, (INAUDIBLE).

Q. IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT YOU MIGHT GET BEYOND (INAUDIBLE).

A. GET BEYOND ...

Q. GET BEYOND (INAUDIBLE) TONIGHT.

A. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER I WILL GET BEYOND ADJECTIVES TONIGHT.  
I WOULD SINCERELY DOUBT IT. (LAUGHTER) I, ER. I WILL TRY TO BE MORE  
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INTERESTING IN MY ADJECTIVES, BUT NOTHING MORE. (LAUGHTER)

Q. WILL THE OUTCOME OF THIS AFTERNOON'S OR TONIGHT'S MEETING  
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A MEETING TOMORROW MORNING?

A. I DON'T REALLY THINK THAT WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS AFTERNOON AND  
WHAT HAPPENED THISMORNING IS FINALLY DETERMINATIVE ABOUT TOMORROW.  
I THINK THAT TOMORROW'S MEETING, IF THERE IS ONE, WOULD PROBABLY  
NOT BE A VERY LONG ONE IN ANY CASE. NOW WAIT A MINUTE -- I PROMISED  
...YES SIR, DICK.

Q. TO TAKE UP A (INAUDIBLE) QUESTION, IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF  
AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT AN AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF  
A JOINT COMMUNIQUE?

A. HA, LET ME BACK OFF THAT QUESTION. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE,  
ASSUMING THERE IS ONE, WILL BE THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND I THINK  
THE COMMUNIQUE WOULD PROBABLY BE IN YOUR HAND BEFORE THE  
SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

Q. WOULD THAT BE EARLY IN THE MORNING?

A. I WOULD HESITATE, I WOULD JUST HESITATE TO SAY BECAUSE THAT

DEPENDS ON THIS AFTERNOON AND THEN YOU KNOW HOW THE DRAFTING SESSION GOES.

Q. ARE YOU STILL MORE SOPTIMISTIC THAN MR. KURT WALHEIM?

A. I AGAIN CAN'T CHARACTERIZE MR. WALHEIM'S FRAME OF MIND EXCEPT TO REFER YOU TO HIS WORDS AND THEN YOU CAN REFER TO MY WORDS AND THEN YOU CAN DECIDE WHETHER I'M MORE OPTIMISTIC OR LESS OPTIMISTIC. YES.

Q. MR. CARTERAEN MOSCOL YOU SAID THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED. DO YOU THINK THERE IS A POSSIBILITY HE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED WHEN HE MEETS WITH US AGAIN?  
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A. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF POSSIBILITIES IN THIS ROLD AND I WOULD NOT RULE OT ANY OF THEM AS AN AUTOMATIC STATEMENT. I THINK THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU HOW HE FEELS WHEN HE MEETS WITH YOU AND I WOULD NOT WANT TO TRY TO PUT WORDS IN HIS MOUTH. THE PROCEDURE IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND. (LAUGHTER)

YES, JOHN?

Q. APPRECITING YOUR RELUCTNCE, SIR, I WONDER IF YOU COULD GIVE US ON THE RECORD GUIDANCE AS TO HOW THE PACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS GOING COMPARED WITH WHAT YOU THOUGHT MIGHT HAPPEN WHEN YOU GOT HERE. IN THER WORDS, WE CAME INTO THESE MEETINGS NOT THINKING THERE WOULD BE ANYTHING LIKE A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH. THAT WAS VIRTUALLY SAID ON THE RECORD BEFORE. IS THAT STILL TRUE? ARE THINGS GOING ABOUT AS WELL AS YOU EXPECTED, SLIGHTLY BETTER, OR SLIGHTLY WORSE?

A. YES, I THINK THAT INSOFAR AS THE ACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE OUTCOME OF THEM ARE CONCERNED, THAT THE SECRETARY IS GOING TO HAVE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THAT AND LET YOU KNOW HOW HE THINKS IT WENT COMPARED TO HIS EXPECTATIONS. I'M REALLY NOT IN ANY POSITION TO MAKE AN ON-THE-RECORD, UP FRONT CHARACTERIZATION ON THAT. YES SIR?

Q. HAS THERE BEEN ANY TALK ABOUT THE NEXT VENUE AFTER THIS MEETING?

A. THE QUESTION IS IS THERE ANY TALK ABOUT THE NEXT VENUE AFTER GENEVA AND THE ANSWER IS, I DON'T KNOW BUT I THINK THAT THAT WOULD PROBABLY, IT WOULD BE MY IMPRESSION THAT THAT WOULD BE PART OF THIS AFTERNOON, THIS EVENING AS TO WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. I ALSO THINK, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN THEN IT MIGHT BE PREMATURE, THAT I DOUBT THAT WE WOULD BE SPEAKING OF THE NEXT STEP. I DOUBT, WE WOULD BE SPEAKING OF THE NEXT STEP AT THIS POINT. ALL RIGHT, SIR.

Q. DO THEY, IN YOUR OPINION, ANY OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS  
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OF SALT AFFECT THE COOPERATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE? (INAUDIBLE)  
DOESN'T MATTER WHICH SIR.

A. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER, WHATEVER THE OUTCOME IS ON SALT  
DOES IT HAVE AN EFFECT ON OUR COOPERATION IN GENEVA ON THE MIDDLE  
EAST. I THINK THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS TRIED VERY HARD TO INSURE THU  
THERE WAS NO LINKAGE BETWEEN ONTPOENT OF POLICY AND ANTOHER;  
THAT THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION HAS BEEN A MATTER OF OUR  
LONG-TIME CONCERN AND THAT OUR EFFORTS TO RECONVENE A GENEVA  
CONFERENCE WOULD PROCEED SEPARATELY AS OUR NEGOTIATIONS ON  
SALT ARE PROCEEDING SEPARATELY AND THAT LINKAGE INSFAR AS  
THERE BEING A CONNECTION AFFECTING WHAT OUR POLICY MIGHT BE, TO  
MY KNOWLEDGE DOES NOT EXIST.

Q. YES, BUT, HOWE ABOUT THE SOVIETS' MIND. IS THERE A LINKAGE  
SO FAR AS THE SOVIETS HAVE APPROACHED (INAUDIBLE) TO SUBJECT OF  
DISCUSSION.

A. BARRY, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON A LINKAGE IN HAT ... I MEAN,  
I MEAN I HAVE NOTHING.

Q. DO YOU THINK THAT THEY LINK THE TWO?

Q. BARRY, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON THAT.

Q. YOU DON'T KNOW IF THEY DO OR DON'T?

A. YES, WELL, I DON'T KNOW. I HAVE NOTHING ON IT.

Q. YOU SAID THE SOVIET PRESENTATION WAS (INAUDIBLE) FORM OF  
COMMENTS (INAUDIBLE). DO THEY COMMENT ON U.S. PROPOSALS  
OR CLARIFICATIONS?

A. I THINK SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE A WORD; COMMENTS, I THINK,  
WHAT I WAS TRYING TO EXCAPE WAS THAT THERE HAD BEEN A TOTAL,  
OVERALLY, COMPREHENSIVE, ITEMIZED PACKAGE PROPOSAL MADE THIS  
MORNING AND I REALLY, YOU KNOW, HAVING DISCOUNTED THAT, I REALLY  
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DON'T WANT TO GO ANY FURTHER WITH IT. I THINK THAT OBVIOUSLY THEY  
SAID A NUMBER OF THINGS IN AN HOUR WHICH REFLCTED WHAT HAS  
OCCURRED IN THE PAUSE SINCE WE WERE TALKING.

Q. (INAUDIBLE) PACKAGE WAS NOT MADE THISMORNING, BECAUSE IT

WAS MADE YESTERDAY. WOULD THAT BE RIGHT? SO THEREFORE...

A. NO, I'M NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE QUESTION IN A YES OR NO WAY. WE HAVE HAD A VERY FAR-RANGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS WHICH HAS GONE ACROSS THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF ISSUES WHICH WERE CONTAINED IN THE THREE PACKAGES THAT HAVE BEEN ON THE TABLE AND I'M REALLY NOT PREPARED TO GO MUCH FURTHER THAN TO SAY THAT THAT PROCESS WAS CONTUED IN ONE FORM OR ANTOHER THIS MORNING.

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Q. HODDING, ISTHE AMERICAN DELGATION STILL HOPING TO GET A  
FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS?

A. EXCUSE ME.

Q. IS THE AMERICAN DELGATION STILL HOPING TO GET A FRAMEWORK  
FOR FURTHER SALT NEGOTIATIONS OUT OF THIS (INAUDIBLE)?

A. I, I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT WHAT WE CAME INTO THIS WITH AND  
WHATE WE CAME INTO MOSCOW WITH EAMAINS UNCHANGED,WHICH IS A DESIRE  
TO HAVE AN OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

Q. YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO GET IT.

A. THAT IS, IT HAS REMAIND AN OBJECTIVE AD REMAINS AN OBJECTIVE.

Q. HODDING, DID GROMYKO MAKE THE PRESENTATION HIMSELF?



A. YES HE DID.

Q. DID NAYBODY ELSE SPEAK?

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A. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, NO.

Q. DID HE SPEAK IN ENGLISH OR RUSSIAN?

A. I BELIEVE THAT IN THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS HE SPEAKS IN RUSSIAN. THAT WHILE HE MAKES COMMENTS FOR YOU ALL IN ENGLISH, THAT IN THE BUSINESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HE SPEAKS IN RUSSIAN.

Q. MR. CARTER ...

A. EXCUSE ME, LET ME, LET ME GO TO MIKE AND THEN I'LL GO BACK ...

Q. DO YOU HAVE THE IMPRESSION, HODDING, THAT THIS PRESENTATION TODAY WAS SOMETHING THAT HAD NEW ELEMENTS IN IT, THAT MAY WELL HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW?

A. YES, I'D REALLY LIKE TO GO WITH YOU ON THIS ONE, BUT I CAN'T I CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN WHAT I'VE SAID.

Q. DID THEY TOUCH UPON ANY OTHER ISSUE IN HIS PRESENTATION BESIDES (INAUDIBLE), LIKE HUMAN RIGHTS?

A. NO, HA, HA -- YOU MEAN, LIKE HUMAN RIGHTS OR LIKE THE INDIAN OCEAN OR LIKE A NUMBER OF OTHER POSSIBILITIES, YEAH. RIGHT, NO THIS IS SALT, SALT. ALL RIGHT, LET ME GO OVER HERE AND I'LL COME BACK THERE.

Q. HODDING, HAVE WE NOW GONE TO A POINT NOWWHERE WE ARE NEGOTIATING ON AN EXCHANGE OF (INAUDIBLE)?

A. I THINK THAT OUR STUDYING THIS AFTERNOON WHAT WAS SAID THIS MORNING AND WHAT I'VE SAID ABOUT THE PROBABILITY OF A COMMUNIQUE TOMORROW WILL JUST HAVE TO STAND AS AN ANSWER TO THAT.

Q. DO YOU ANTICIPATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE A RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET PRESENTATION BEFORE HE LEAVES HERE?

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A. I THINK THAT THAT IS A FAIR ASSUMPTION.

Q. AND DID YOU SAY ...

A. THE QUESTION WAS DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE U.S. WILL HAVE SOME RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET PRESENTATION THIS MORNING AND I SAID THAT'S A FAIR ASSUMPTION.

Q. IS THERE SOME QUESTION NOW, HODDING, AS TO WHETHER THERE WILL BE A COMMUNQUE?

A. I'M JUST LEAVING MYSELF AN OUT. I MEAN I'VE ANNOUNCED SOME THINGS THAT DIDN'T COME THROUGH HERE. IT IS MY STRONG, MY STRONG ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WILL BE A COMMUNQUE.

Q. DID YOU SAY BEFORE IT WAS DECIDED YESTERDAY THA THERE WOULD BE NO AMERICAN COMMENT ON THE SOVIET, WHATEVER HAPPENED TODAY? THERE IS THE FACT THAT THE AMERICANS DID NOT RESPOND THIS MORNING. WAS THAT BY ARRANGEMENT YESTERDAY?

A. NO I THINK THEY DECIDED THISMORNING. I THINK WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS THAT, THAT WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT THEY DISCUSSED, WHEN THEY GOT TOGETHER THIS MORNING, THE FRAMEWORK FOR HOW IT MIGHT WORK AND THEY AGREED THAT WHAT THE SOVIETS HAD TO SAY WOULD BE SAID AND THAT WE WOULD THEN BREAK, STUDY AND RESPOND.

Q. AND THEY DECIDED THAT BEFORE HAVING HEARD WHAT THE SOVIETS HAD TO SAY?

A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT AGREEMENT WAS SORT OF REACHED AS WE GOT THERE. NOW WAIT, NOW ... JIM.

Q. (INAUDIBLE)

A. JIM, I'M NOT GOING TO REALLY SAY YES OR NO, I'M SIMPLY GOING TO SAY THAT...  
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Q. REPEAT THE QUESTION.

A. THE QUESTION IS THAT JIM SAID I'VE SAID WE STILL WANTED A FRAMEWORK AS OUR OBJECTIVE AND THAT COULD YOU NOT INFER FROM THAT THAT WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED THAT OBJECTIVE AND I THINK I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE TO SAY ON THAT ONE THAT I CN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN WHERE I'VE GONE ALREADY.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT A VERY LONG SESSION TONIGHT?

A. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THESESSION WILL GO ON TONIGHT. THAT'S ...HAING NOT BEEN HERE WHEN THE LAST ESSION BROKE UP I CLEARLY DON'T HAVE A VERY GOOD IDEA OF HOW LONG THESE SESSIONS ARE

GOING TO RUN.

Q. WHEN WILL YOU BRIEF?

A. I WILL BRIEF, AS OF NOW, WE'LL JUST SAY IT'S GOING TO BE A BRIEFING AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Q. DID YOU SAY BEFORE THAT THE PACKAGE HERE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE WHICH WAS TAKEN TO MOSCOW.

A. NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

Q. IT IS NOT DIFFERENT?

A. I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

THANK YOU

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